GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY GUEST HOUSES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of accommodations available in Rail Yatri Niwas and railway guest houses in various parts of the country particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether the Railways are aware that the existing railway accommodations are not sufficient to meet the increasing growth of passenger traffic;

(c) if so, whether the Railways have any proposal to construct more railway guest houses in various stations particularly in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details and locations thereof alongwith the targeted time for its completion?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): On Indian Railways, two Rail Yatri Niwas at New Delhi & Howrah stations and two BNR Hotels at Puri and Ranchi are functioning under Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporations (IRCTC) and these have 145 rooms and 31 dormitories and no Rail Yatri Niwas or Railway Hotels are located in Tamil Nadu State. In addition, retiring rooms are available at about 490 stations out of which these are available at 48 stations in Tamil Nadu State.

(b) to (d): In order to meet the requirement of the passengers this Ministry has decided to setup 100 Budget Hotels over Indian Railways at various locations, including Tamil Nadu, near to railway stations through public private partnership following open tender and competitive bidding system. The locations at Madurai, Rameshwaram, Kannyakumari, Ooty, Chennai Central, Chennai Egmore, Coimbatore and Kodai Kanal Road in Tamil Nadu territory have been identified. Tenders for Budget Hotels locations at Madurai, Rameshwaram, Kannyakumari and Ooty, have been finalized and awarded to successful bidders. No target time have been fixed for completion of these Budget Hotels. Provision of retiring rooms at railway stations is an on going process.